

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I want to state for the record that on December 2nd, I was unavoidably detained in my district and missed several rollcall votes. Had I been present I would have voted:

“aye”—rollcall Vote 612—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3547, the Space Launch Liability Indemnification Extension Act.

“aye”—rollcall Vote 613—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3588, the Community Fire Safety Act of 2013.

“aye”—rollcall Vote 614—On Approving the Journal.

HONORING LANDON HANSEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Landon Hansen. Landon is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 4008, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Landon has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Landon has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Landon has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Landon Hansen for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DANIEL McPARLANE, TOWN DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN OF WEST SENECA

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Daniel Scott McParlane. Dan, as he was known to friends, was a devoted civil servant and local town Democratic Chairman in West Seneca, working tirelessly to create a better West Seneca and Western New York. He passed away tragically on November 27, 2013, at the young age of 33.

Dan was born in Buffalo on March 29, 1980. A bright, engaging young man, he was involved in community service even as a boy. Dan was in the Boy Scouts and held a job as a paperboy for the Buffalo News. Hailing from a strong Catholic family, he was an altar server at St. Martin of Tours church in South Buffalo.

As Dan grew older, he graduated from West Seneca West Senior High School, and earned a degree in Business Administration from Medaille College. In 2007, he was hired as an Erie County Sheriff's Deputy, and excelled at the physically and mentally demanding job. Dan worked in both the Holding Center in downtown Buffalo and the Erie County Correctional Facility in Alden. Dan was committed to his line of work, and had been recovering from injuries incurred while breaking up a fight among inmates at the Holding Center at the time of his passing.

Dan dedicated his time and talents to many civic, political, and ideological clubs. In addition to chairing the West Seneca Democratic Committee, he was the former chairman of the Erie County Young Democrats. Other groups that benefitted from Dan's good works include the Police Emerald Society of Buffalo, the West Seneca Civil and Patriotic Commission and the National Rifle Association.

A true civil servant, Dan drew inspiration from Presidents John F. Kennedy and Bill Clinton. He took pride in helping others whenever he could, and enjoyed hunting and cooking in his spare time. Dan loved to spend time with his family, especially his loving parents, Diane and James J. McParlane Jr., his brothers, James J. III and Sean, and his grandmother, Mary Krnjaich.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to honor my good friend Dan McParlane. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest condolences to Dan's family, friends, and colleagues. His good works and selfless devotion to his neighbors will inspire many others to dedicate themselves to strengthening their communities.

HONORING MARGUERETE LUTER

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marguerete Luter for her outstanding work with the Lupus Foundation of America, Greater Washington Chapter, for improving the lives of lupus patients and their families and friends.

Lupus is a life-altering disease and more widespread than most people realize. One out of every 200 Americans is affected, 90 percent of which are women. African Americans, Latinos, Asians, and Native Americans are all two to three times more likely to develop lupus, a disparity that remains unexplained. Lupus patients spend two to three times more

on medical care than those without the disease. That multiplier skyrockets to over six times if lupus affects the kidneys.

Lupus can damage any organ, including the skin, the lungs, the heart, the kidney and the brain. No organ is spared. The disease can cause seizures, strokes, heart attacks, miscarriages, and organ failure.

Lupus can be particularly difficult to diagnose because its symptoms are similar to those of many other illnesses, and major gaps exist in understanding the causes and consequences of the disease. More than half of all people with lupus experience symptoms four or more years and visit three or more doctors before obtaining a correct diagnosis. A lack of awareness of the disease contributes to many people dismissing early warning signs of lupus, which can have serious health risks and greatly impact a person's quality of life.

The Lupus Foundation of America, greater Washington chapter, was formed in 1974 to help those affected by lupus. The foundation is committed to improving the quality of life for lupus patients through education, community outreach, and research. It is through the financial support of members and the dedication of its volunteers that the Lupus Foundation is able to work with the thousands of lupus patients, their families and friends, and the medical community to work towards its eradication.

One of those dedicated volunteers is Marguerete Luter of Arlington County, who has been honored as the 2013 Pamela B. Greenberg Volunteer of the Year. Ms. Luter currently serves on the Board and is Immediate Past Board Chair. Over her more than six years on the LFA-DMV Board of Directors, Ms. Luter worked tirelessly to ensure the growth and sustainability of the organization. Her passion to help members of the lupus community is evident through her commitment and participation at chapter events, including the Lupus educational summits and Walk to End Lupus Now events.

Ms. Luter has been an instrumental asset to the planning of the Chapter's Annual Gala and Luncheon and I rise today to recognize all her hard work and dedication to such an important cause.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, on December 3, 2013, I was unavoidably detained and was not present for Rollcall vote Number 617, (H.R. 1204 The Aviation Security Stakeholder Participation Act of 2013). Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

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